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MEMORANDUM OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1962. ALL PRESENT, INCLUDING  
AMBASSADOR STEVENSON AND MR. McCLOY.

McCone gave a very brief intelligence resume, commenting  
on the subjects treated in the Check List of 6 December, and significant  
items of interest resulting from further study of recent photography.

Secretary Rusk reported that Mikoyan had stated he had  
extreme difficulty in Cuba, that Castro refused to see him for nine  
days, that he had made his arrangements with the greatest of dif-  
ficulty, and when he threatened to leave, Castro immediately stated  
he was prepared to make an arrangement with the Chinese Communists.  
Rusk therefore felt the Soviets may be inclined to leave substantial forces  
in Cuba to forestall a ChiCom takeover.

Note: There is an important cable covering Rusk's comments  
which I should get and read. - This is FBI report which is attached.

Stevenson then reviewed the negotiating procedure and strongly  
recommended that a revised draft of the U.S. position as outlined in  
the attached mimeographed statement be tabled prior to receipt of the  
Soviet position. Both Stevenson and McCloy felt this was a preferential  
negotiating approach. They readily forecast that we would not reach a  
common agreed position with the Soviets, and in the final analysis we  
would have to file an independent position with the Security Council to  
parallel the Soviet's independent position, and when this was done, our  
statement could be much "harder" than the attached. There was con-  
siderable debate, with Rusk losing this procedure but with the President  
somewhat persuaded by the Stevenson-McCloy arguments.

The President raised innumerable questions concerning the  
limitations placed on U.S. action in the event of Cuba-supported  
insurgency in Latin American countries, Soviet takeover of Cuba,  
ChiCom takeover, substantial increase in the number of MIGs, our  
actions in the event of the establishment of a Soviet submarine base,  
et cetera.

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The President also raised questions as to what our latitude would be for action in the event of a civil war in Cuba, or the establishment of a new legal government in Cuba which has our support. He then asked what rights we would have if the Soviets blockaded Berlin or took over Berlin. The answers to all of these questions were inconclusive; the indications were that actions by Castro, the Soviets, or the Chinese of the type indicated would give us latitude to act irrespective of the no invasion commitment, and if the Soviets broke existing agreements in connection with Berlin, obviously agreements with respect to Cuba and elsewhere would be out.

There was considerable discussion concerning proposed changes in the position paper; finally agreed upon the wording as indicated by the changes that are written in pencil.

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Director

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the President, 1 December  
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